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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK COMPLAINTS ABOUT U.S. SOYBEAN MEAL
QUALITY
REF: VIENNA 1535

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED PROBLEMS REPORTED BY CZECHOSLOVAKS
IN REGARD TO QUALITY OF U.S. SOYBEAN SHIPMENTS WITH U.S.
EXPORTERS. U.S. TRADE HAS ASSURED US THAT
THEY CAN SUPPLY SOYBEAN MEAL WITH MINIMUM 44 PERCENT PROTEIN
IF THIS IS WHAT BUYER REQUESTS AND IS WILLING TO PAY THE
HIGHER PRICE.

2. INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE TO US AS TO TYPE OR
SPECIFICATIONS UNDER WHICH CZECHS HAVE BEEN BUYING U.S.
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SOYBEAN MEAL. SOYBEAN MEAL NOT ONE OF THE COMMODITIES
UNDER U.S. STANDARDS ACT, SO USUAL U.S. INSPECTION AND
CERTIFICATE NOT REQUIRED. HOWEVER, IMPORTER OF SOYBEANS
CAN REQUEST USDA INSPECTORS TO MAKE INSPECTION ACCORDING
TO BUYER'S SPECIFICATIONS. PERSON REQUESTING INSPECTION
WILL HAVE TO PAY INSPECTOR'S FEE.

3. U.S. TRADE SPECULATES THAT CZECHS HAVE PROBABLY BEEN PURCHASING SOYBEAN UNDER SPECIFICATIONS OF 44 PERCENT PF 8-1/2 PERCENT. UNDER THIS FORMULA, THERE CAN BE 8-1/2 PERCENT FIBER CONTENT. THE PROTEIN CONTENT OF SOY MEAL WITH ABOVE FIBER CONTENT NORMALLY AVERAGES AROUND 41 PERCENT AND NOT 44 PERCENT. TO ASSURE 44 PERCENT PROTEIN MEAL, CZECHS SHOULD USE NATIONAL SOYBEAN PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION (NSPA) TRADING RULES. PURCHASE ORDERS SHOULD BE PLACED FOR 44 PERCENT PROTEIN MEAL WITH FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS: MINIMUM 44 PERCENT MEAL, MINIMUM 0.5 PERCENT FAT, MINIMUM 7.0 PERCENT FIBER, AND MAXIMUM 12.0 PERCENT MOISTURE. THIS TYPE MEAL IS PROBABLY MORE EXPENSIVE THAN WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN BUYING BUT WILL ASSURE DELIVERY OF 44 PERCENT PROTEIN. COPY OF NSPA TRADING RULES HAS BEEN FORWARDED.

4. WE APPRECIATE RECEIVING SUBJECT COMPLAINT AND REQUEST APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES BE INFORMED OF OUR CONCERN AND DESIRE TO ALLEVIATE CURRENT PROBLEM. AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN RECOMMENDING EAST EUROPEAN BUYERS FOLLOW NSPA GUIDELINES IN PURCHASING SOYBEAN MEAL AND SOYBEAN OIL.
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